

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

INTERPRETATIONS & APPLICATIONS
OF BUILDING CODES & REGULATIONS #88-7



CODE SECTION : UBC 3102.7.8

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SUBJECT : FIREPLACE OPENINGS

The Uniform Building Code, Section 3102.7.8 states the following:

3102.7.8 Clearance to combustible material. Combustible materials shall not be placed within 2 inches (51 mm) of fireplace, smoke chamber or chimney walls. Combustible material shall not be placed within 6 inches (152 mm) of the fireplace opening. No such combustible material within 12 inches (305 mm) of the fireplace opening shall project more than 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) for each 1-inch (25 mm) clearance from such opening.

Pop-outs and other ornamentations that are constructed entirely of non-combustible materials, including framing members, shall be permitted to be placed within 12 inches of the fireplace opening and shall not be restricted in its projection. Metal framing with gypsum wall board shall meet the purpose of this provision. However, gypsum wall board will not be an acceptable material for hearth extensions, unless covered with tile or cementitious board material. Manufacturer's listing and installation instructions shall take precedence when there is a conflict with these provisions.